IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A storage-stable aqueous miniemulsion ~~whose~~ comprising a disperse phase which comprises the following components:

a) at least one achiral nematic polymerizable monomer selected from the group consisting of polyfunctionally polymerizable monomers, monofunctionally polymerizable monomers, and ~~or~~ mixtures thereof,

b) at least one achiral nematic nonpolymerizable compound and

c) at least one chiral di- or monofunctionally polymerizable monomer.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~whose~~ the disperse phase comprises the following components:

a1) at least one achiral nematic difunctionally polymerizable monomer;

a2) at least two achiral nematic monofunctionally polymerizable monomers;

b) at least one achiral nematic nonpolymerizable compound and

c) at least one chiral di- or monofunctionally polymerizable monomer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~1 or 2,~~ the nematic components ~~having~~ comprise the same mesogenic group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~whose~~ the disperse phase comprises the following components:

a1) an achiral nematic difunctionally polymerizable monomer,

a2) two achiral nematic monofunctionally polymerizable monomers,

a3) an achiral nematic difunctionally polymerizable monomer,

b) an achiral nematic nonpolymerizable compound and

c) a chiral di- or monofunctionally polymerizable monomer,

the nematic components a1), a2) and b) having the same mesogenic group and a3) having a mesogenic group differing from this.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 2, ~~any of claims 2 to 4,~~ wherein the mesogenic group of the nematic components a1), a2) and b) ~~contains~~ comprises a substituted 1,4-dioxybenzene building block.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~whose~~ the disperse phase comprises the following components:

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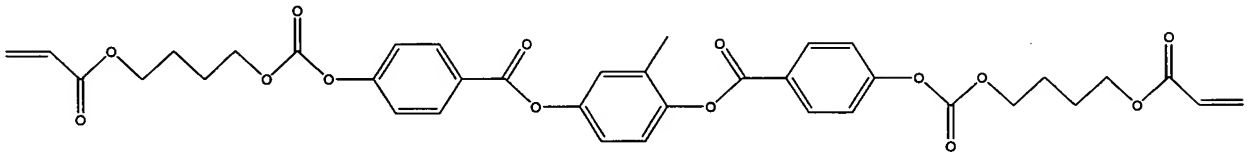

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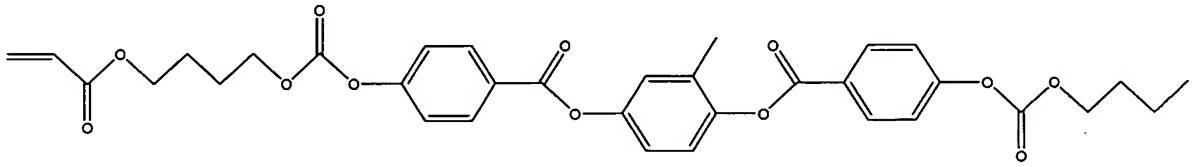

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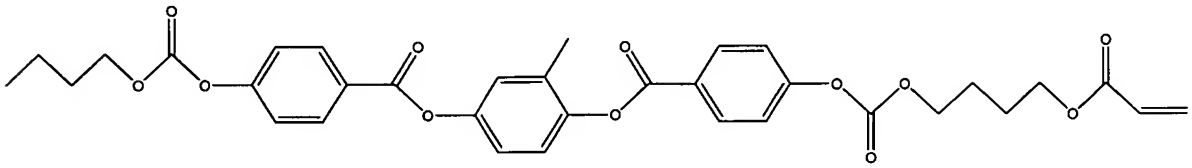

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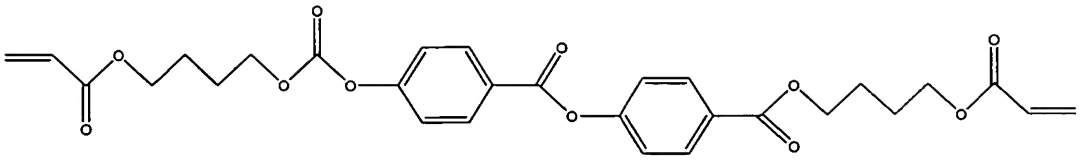

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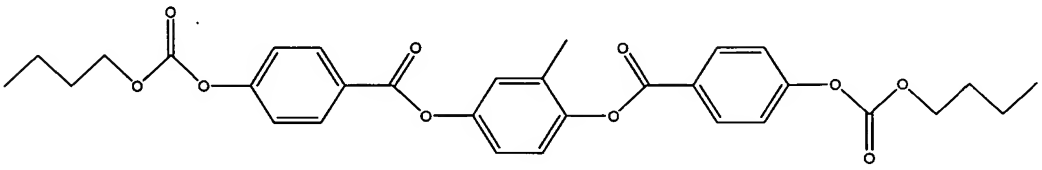

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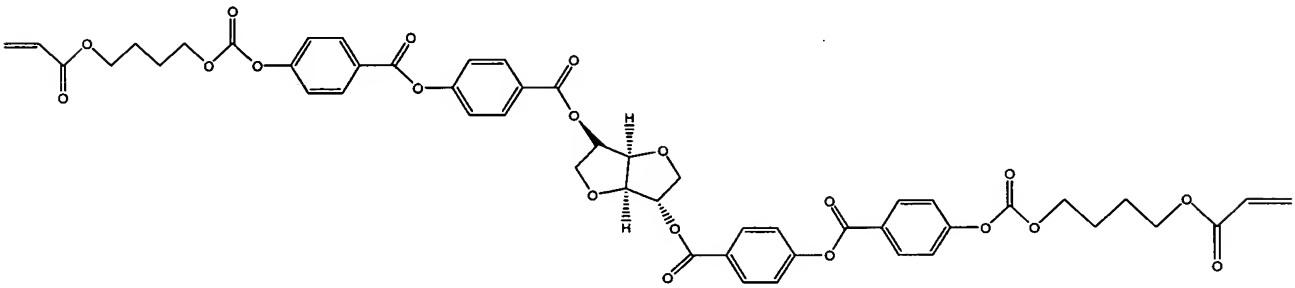

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 5, ~~either of claims 5 and 6,~~ which ~~contains~~ comprises from 60 to 99.7 mol% of the components a1), a2) and b), from 0 to 39 mol% of the component a3) and from 0.3 to 10 mol% of the component c), the molar ratio of the components a1) : a2) : b) being from 1 : 1.5-3.0 : 0.5-1.5.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ which ~~contains~~ comprises not more than 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the disperse phase, of assistants.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ having a volume average droplet size of the disperse phase of from 100 to

600 nm.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of a storage-stable aqueous miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ wherein all constituents of the disperse phase are first emulsified in a conventional manner and the conventional emulsion obtainable thereby is then treated with a high-pressure homogenizer.

Claim 11 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the mixture is emulsified at from 50 to 2 000 bar.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method, which comprises

~~The use of a storage-stable aqueous miniemulsion as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9 for~~

coating or printing on flexible and rigid substrates the storage stable aqueous mini-emulsion as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process for coating or printing on flexible and rigid substrates, wherein a storage-stable aqueous miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ is applied to the substrate, if required oriented, if required dried and polymerized.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An article provided with a coating or a print comprising a storage-stable aqueous miniemulsion as claimed in claim 1. ~~any of claims 1 to 9.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A two-component system containing two storage-stable aqueous miniemulsions as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of claims 1 to 9,~~ wherein the concentrations of the components c) are different in each case with otherwise identical composition.

Claim 16 (Original): A two-component system as claimed in claim 15, the concentrations of component c) being chosen in each case so that the first emulsion gives an LC effect coating having a reflection wavelength of from 300 to 400 nm and the second emulsion gives an LC effect coating having a reflection wavelength of from 600 to 800 nm.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An article, comprising:

an LC effect coating comprising the ~~The use of a~~ two-component system as claimed in claim 15; ~~either of claims 15 and 16 for the production of an LC effect coating~~

wherein the LC effect coating has ~~having~~ a defined reflection wavelength.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~The use as claimed in claim 17 in printing processes.~~

A printing process, which comprises:

applying the LC effect coating to a substrate.

Claim 19 (New): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mesogenic group of the nematic components a1), a2) and b) contains a substituted 1,4-dioxybenzene building block.

Claim 20 (New): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 19, whose disperse phase comprises the following components:

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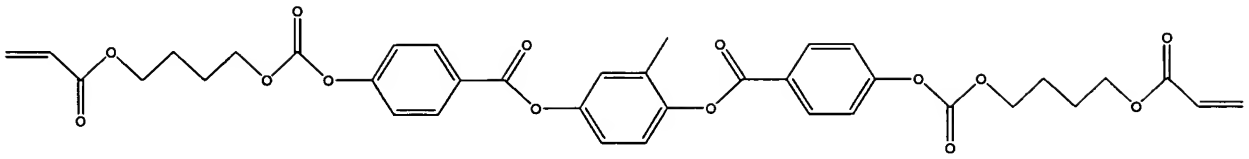

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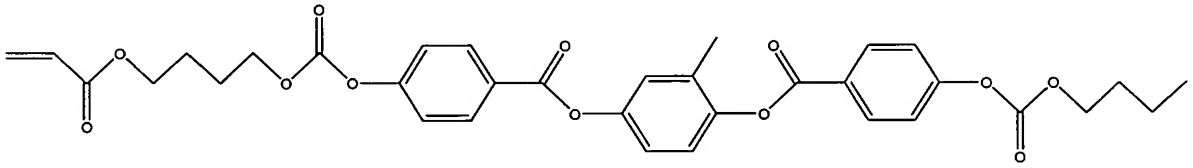

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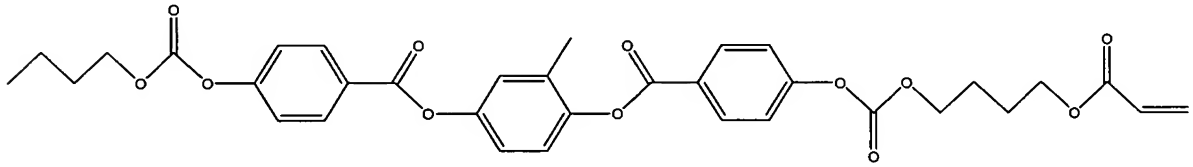

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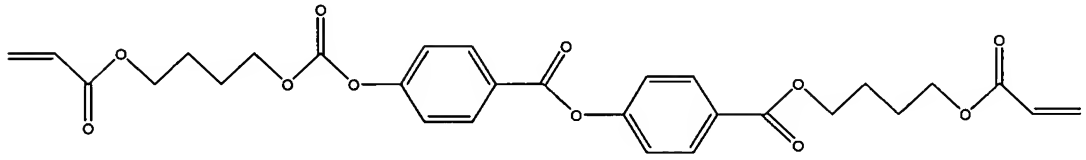

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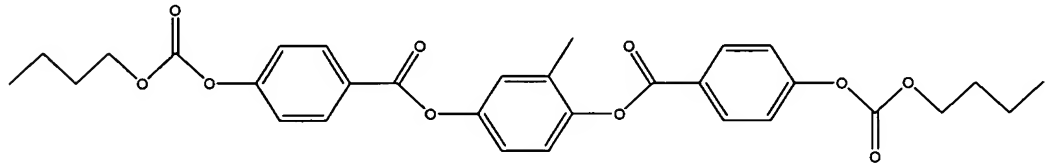

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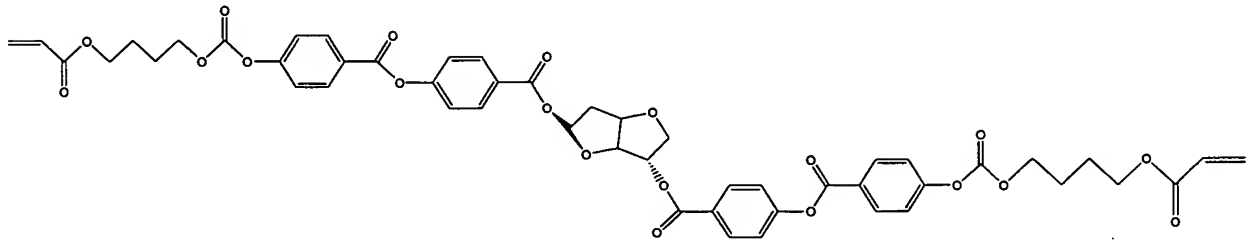

Claim 21 (New): A miniemulsion as claimed in claim 19, which contains from 60 to 99.7 mol% of the components a1), a2) and b), from 0 to 39 mol% of the component a3) and from 0.3 to 10 mol% of the component c), the molar ratio of the components a1) : a2) : b) being from 1 : 1.5-3.0 : 0.5-1.5.